GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:162
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BREAKAGE IN ASH TANK AT BOKARO THERMAL POWER STATION NO. 2
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of Bottom ash is being released in the Damodar river due to breakage in the ash tank of `B` plant of Bokaro Thermal Power Station;

(b) if so, whether a huge funds were spent on repair on the same tank in the past;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the river is also being polluted due to release of ash by the said power station;

(e) if so, whether the said power station has also suffered huge losses due to fire and flowing of furnace oil in the river;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) steps taken by the Government to check pollution in the river and financial irregularities prevailing in the said power station?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a): No, Sir. There are 3 Ash ponds for storage of ash of Bokaro Thermal Power Station No.2. Ash Dyke of Pond No. 1 was breached. However, ash is not being released into the river Damodar, due to the breach.

(b): No fund has yet been spent on the repair of the breach.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): No ash is being released into the river by Bokaro Thermal Power Station No. 2.

(e) & (f): Some time in April 2000, a leakage developed in the oil storage tank and consequently some quantity of oil split into the river. The loss due to leakage was negligible and generation of thermal station did not suffer due to leakage or due to any fire.

(g): To prevent any probable spill over of ash into the river Damodar, DVC has already identified the required land for the development of permanent ash disposal area beside the Bokaro-Bermo Road.The Government is not aware of any financial irregularities in the said power station.